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COUNTY HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN PURCHASING *National Purchasing Institute to Bestow Award on San Diego County*

The County of San Diego's Department of Purchasing and Contracting has earned the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute.

The award will be presented later this month at the California Association of Public Purchasing Officers' annual conference in Long Beach. According to the Institute, San Diego is one of only 48 counties nationwide to earn this recognition three times.

"This is the third consecutive time that the County of San Diego has received this distinction," said Winston McColl, the County's director of purchasing and contracting. "The employees of the Purchasing and Contracting department deserve the credit, for they are the reason that the County has received such an honor. The award represents an operation where streamlining business processes, attaining real cost savings, and customer service are hallmarks of how we run our business."

The award recognizes innovation, professionalism, procurement, productivity and leadership attributes of procurement by public agencies. The award is given to organizations that earn a high score on a rating of standardized criteria.

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